



Medi-Cal Health Care Program Update

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

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ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER PILOT PROJECT (ALWPP)



The Assisted Living Waiver Pilot Project (ALWPP) was created to test the efficacy of assisted living as a Medi-Cal benefit and as an alternative to long-term care skilled nursing facility placement. Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Joaquin counties have been selected to test the ALWPP in two settings: licensed residential care facilities for the elderly and in publicly funded senior and/or disabled housing.

Those willing to enroll in the ALWPP must be referred to a care coordinator agency (CCA) which, on behalf of DHCS, will assess the level of nursing care that the applicant needs. When CCA determines that the applicant meets the level of care criteria, the referral is sent to the district office. Medi-Cal benefits are evaluated/re-evaluated giving the appropriate board and care income deduction and other applicable deductions.

Individuals residing in licensed board and care facilities receive the standard \$315 income deduction, or the excess board and care deduction, whichever is greater. The excess board and care is calculated by subtracting the \$600 maintenance need from the total amount paid for board and care.

Example 1. The person pays \$1,300 for board and care, the excess board and care deduction is \$700 ($\$1,300 - \$600 = \700). When evaluating/re-evaluating Medi-Cal benefits, staff must allow the \$700 excess board and care deduction since \$700 is greater than the standard \$315 income deduction.

Example 2. The person pays \$750 for board and care, the excess board and care deduction is \$150 ($\$750 - \$600 = \150). When evaluating/re-evaluating Medi-Cal benefits, staff must allow the standard \$315 income deduction since \$315 is greater than the \$150 excess board and care deduction.

ALWPP applicants are treated as if they were institutionalized; therefore, spousal impoverishment rules used only in Long Term Care (LTC) cases apply in the treatment of income and/or property.

The State has not yet released policies and procedures for ALWPP. In the meantime, staff must perform the Medi-Cal evaluation/re-evaluation when the ALWPP referral is received and inform the referring party of the outcome. Please contact Medi-Cal Program Section if you have questions concerning the ALWPP referrals.

Source: MEPM Article 10Q & ACWDL Draft- ALWPP Procedures.

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Log on to the DPSS website www.ladpss.org. Once there, click on the "Health Care" link on the left hand side; then look for the "Medi-Cal Monthly Updates" link to get past and current issues of the newsletter.

You will also find the Index and Table of Contents which make it easy to find articles published in past issues of the newsletter.



CHILD/MEDICAL SUPPORT REFERRALS

This is to remind Medi-Cal staff that Child/Medical Support referral packets submitted to Child Support Services by mail are to be mailed to:

**Child Support Services
5701 South Eastern Avenue
Commerce, CA 90040
Attn: Central Intake Unit**



Treatment of Income Tax Refunds

When participants report receiving checks in the form of an Income Tax Refund, it is important to know how to treat them. The income from Tax Refund is to be considered EXEMPT as "Income" in the month it is received and is also EXEMPT as "Property" in the following two months after it is received; for a total of three months. After the three months, any remaining balance is to be considered a resource.



2008 MEDI-CAL INCOME LEVEL CHARTS

	1931(b)		TMC	Reg-M/C	Expanded Children's Percentage			HF & 250% WD	Medicare Savings Programs			A&D	PICKLE
Family Size	MBSAC (12/04)	100% (4/08)	185% (2 nd 6 Mos) (4/08)	Maintenance Need Levels (MMNL)	100% (Age 6-19) (4/08)	133% (Age 1-6) (4/08)	200% (Pregnant & child to 1 Yr)(4/08)	250% (4/08)	100% QMB (3/08)	120% SLMB (3/08)	135% QI-1 (3/08)	100% (4/08)	Last SSI/SSP Check Received <u>Between</u> <u>Multiplier</u>
1	\$398	\$867	\$1,604	\$600	\$867	\$1,153	\$1,734	\$2,167	\$867	\$1,040	\$1,170	\$867	1/07-12/07.....0.0225 01/06-12/06....0.0537 01/05-12/05....0.0910 01/04-12/04....0.1149 01/03-12/03 0.1331 01/02-12/02 0.1451 01/01-12/01 0.1667 01/00-12/00 0.1949 01/99-12/99 0.2138 01/98-12/98 0.2239 01/97-12/97 0.2398 01/96-12/96 0.2612 01/95-12/95 0.2800 01/94-12/94 0.2996 01/93-12/93 0.3173 01/92-12/92 0.3372 01/91-12/91 0.3609 01/90-12/90 0.3936 01/89-12/89 0.4208 01/88-12/88 0.4431 01/87-12/87 0.4655 01/86-12/86 0.4724 01/85-12/85 0.4883 01/84-12/84 0.5056 07/82-12/83 0.5223 07/81-06/82 0.5552 07/80-06/81 0.6000 07/79-06/80 0.6501 07/78-06/79 0.6816 07/77-06/78 0.7010 04/77-06/77 0.7177
2	\$653	\$1,167	\$2,159	*\$750	\$1,167	\$1,552	\$2,334	\$2,917	\$1,167	\$1,400	\$1,575	\$1,167	
3	\$808	\$1,467	\$2,714	\$934	\$1,467	\$1,951	\$2,934	\$3,667	\$1,467	\$1,760	\$1,980	\$1,467	
4	\$961	\$1,767	\$3,269	\$1,100	\$1,767	\$2,350	\$3,534	\$4,417	\$1,767	\$2,120	\$2,385	\$1,767	
5	\$1,094	\$2,067	\$3,824	\$1,259	\$2,067	\$2,749	\$4,134	\$5,167	\$2,067	\$2,480	\$2,790	\$2,067	
6	\$1,229	\$2,367	\$4,379	\$1,417	\$2,367	\$3,148	\$4,734	\$5,917	\$2,367	\$2,840	\$3,195	\$2,367	
7	\$1,350	\$2,667	\$4,934	\$1,550	\$2,667	\$3,547	\$5,334	\$6,667	\$2,667	\$3,200	\$3,600	\$2,667	
8	\$1,473	\$2,967	\$5,489	\$1,692	\$2,967	\$3,946	\$5,934	\$7,417	\$2,967	\$3,560	\$4,005	\$2,967	
9	\$1,591	\$3,267	\$6,044	\$1,825	\$3,267	\$4,345	\$6,534	\$8,167	\$3,267	\$3,920	\$4,410	\$3,267	
10	\$1,709	\$3,567	\$6,599	\$1,959	\$3,567	\$4,744	\$7,134	\$8,917	\$3,567	\$4,280	\$4,815	\$3,567	
Each Added Person	\$-0-	\$300	\$555	* 2 Adults \$934	\$300	\$399	\$600	\$750	\$300	\$360	\$405	\$300	
				\$14									
<u>2008 SSI/SSP PAYMENT STANDARDS</u> <u>INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT</u>				<u>2008 MEDICARE PREMIUM</u>		<u>SGA DISABLED</u>		<u>AVERAGE PRIVATE PAY</u> (To determine Period of Ineligibility)			<u>2008 SSA COLA Multiplier</u>		
				Part B \$96.40		(01/08) \$940		1999 \$3,882 2000 \$3,836 2001 \$4,163 2002 \$4,322 2003 \$4,415 2004 \$4,477 2005 \$4,812 2006 \$5,031 2007 \$5,101 2008 \$5,496			1.023		
INDIVIDUAL <u>Jan-Sep 08</u> <u>Oct-Dec 08</u> Aged/Disabled \$870 \$888 Blind \$935 \$955 Disabled Minor \$756 \$769						<u>A&D FPL DEDUCTIONS</u> Individual \$230 Spouse Couple 01/01/08-03/31/08 \$383 04/01/08-09/30/08 \$357 10/01/08-12/31/08 \$391					<u>2008 FEDERAL BENEFIT RATE (FBR)</u> Individual (ABD) \$637 Couple (ABD) \$956		
COUPLE <u>Jan-Sep 08</u> <u>Oct-Dec 08</u> Both Aged/Disabled \$1,524 \$1,558 Both Blind \$1,751 \$1,793 One Blind the other Aged or Disabled \$1,666 \$1,705				<u>2008 TB INCOME STANDARD</u> \$1,359									
						<u>INCOME CONVERSION FACTOR</u> (All Programs) Weekly							